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Department of Health and Family Services

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TO: Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and
Privacy

FROM: Katie Plona, DHFS legislative liaison

RE: Senate Bill 370

Good morning. I'm Katie Plona, legislative liaison for the Department of Health and Family Services. Senator Carpenter and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor Senate Bill 370.

SB 370 eliminates two statutory references in statute to \$13.8 million in nursing home bed assessment money that was deposited into the general fund prior to the passage of the 2007-09 biennial budget. The budget bill repealed the provision requiring these funds to go to the general fund and instead directed them into the Medicaid Trust Fund.

After the budget's passage, two statutes were found to still reference the \$13.8 million deposit to the general fund. Since the budget bill repealed the general fund payment, the Department would like to remove the outdated statutes.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in favor of SB 370.